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	ACCCCC	Commercial product: Molded bottle cap has laterally extending molded hole for suspending the bottle	
	ADDDDD	Commercial product: Composite end cap for a container (molded plastic ring and paper closure) has a pull ring. By following the directions "pull plastic ring around edge to open" the connection between the paper closure and the plastic ring is severed, to gain access to the container	
	AEEEEE	Commercial product: A lid for a container is formed by a plastic rim molded about a paper insert	
	AFFFFF	Commercial product: A bottle for intravenous fluid has a bottom-attachable molded ring by which the bottle can be suspended upside down, to deliver the fluid by gravity	

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